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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on June 20, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the remarks do not point out why newly added claim 10 is patentable in view of the prior art of record as required by 37C.F.R. 1.111(b). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a time period of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

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